

LOCAL NEWS.

ANNEXATION.—In the Senate of the United States, yesterday, Mr. Wade presented a "petition of J. W. Phelps, for the re-annexation of the county of Alexandria to the District of Columbia." The petitioner represents that he has been for many years an owner of real estate in the city and county of Alexandria; that he has no confidence in the administration of law and justice in the State of Virginia, and he therefore prays for the restoration of said city and county to the District of Columbia, from which it has, as he believes, been violently and unconstitutionally discovered. After much enquiry, and a great deal of trouble, we discovered, this morning, through the politeness and courtesy of the Commissioner of the Revenue of this county, Mr. J. C. Clarke, that J. W. Phelps is a non resident of this county, but owns a lot of ground in this city, bounded by Princess, Fayette and Orange streets—about, we suppose, at some confiscation sale. It will be apparent that it is not our province to impart to Mr. Phelps the desideratum of confidence in the administration of law and justice in this county, when it is remembered that the Judge of the United States Court for this District; the Presiding Justice of this county, and a large majority of the Magistrates; the Commonwealth's Attorney, and the Sheriff are of such "unquestionable loyalty." That Mr. Phelps is a non resident of this city is evident from the fact of his being unaware of some of the late verdicts rendered in our courts.

LECTURE IN PROSPECT.—We have the pleasure of announcing to our readers that Dr. Geo. W. Bagby, whose lecture last winter on "Bacon and Greens, or the Native Virginian," was received with so much favor, has consented, at the request of many of our citizens, to deliver another lecture here during Christmas week, probably on Wednesday or Thursday, the 26th or 27th. The day will be definitely fixed hereafter. The title is, if possible, more odd than that of his former lecture. It is, "The Disease Called Love; its Origin, Symptoms, Causes, Treatment and Cure." We should think the subject itself, say nothing of the reputation of the lecturer, would order a crowded house. In the absence of other Christmas amusements, such a house, we think, may be largely counted on.

RUN AWAY.—Yesterday evening about three o'clock a horse attached to a sulky standing in front of McDonald's, foundry, corner of Wilkes and Royal streets, was frightened by a locomotive engine passing on the track of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, and starting off at a speed which defied pursuit, did not stop until he had reached the northern end of the city, where the sulky turned over.

HORSES STOLEN.—Mr. W. B. Mills, of Washington, had a horse stolen from him last Wednesday night, which was tracked through this city. The police were on the look out here for him, but he was carried through safely. Mrs. Funston, residing near the Theological Seminary, had a horse stolen from her last week. Rewards are offered for both these horses.

ROBBERY BY A WATCH.—Yesterday morning a watch as stolen from the grocery store of James Bradley, on Queen street, between Royal and Pitt. The police were informed of the circumstances and an arrest was made. Last night Mr. Bradley's dog made such a noise that his owner went out to see what was the matter, and on looking at his cellar door, found lying upon it the stolen watch.

STRUCK OIL.—We are informed that the parties now engaged in boring for oil in the neighborhood of Munson's Hill, were rewarded this morning by the discovery of a fluid which readily ignited and burned upon the application of a lighted match.

LOSS OF A NOSE.—A negro named William Steppney, in a fight at "Ball Town," near the Stone Bridge, on Saturday evening last, with another negro, named Albert French, had the whole of his nose bitten off.

APPLICANTS FOR WOOD.—The Mayor's Office is daily thronged with applicants for loads of the wood donated by the Government to the Poor of this city.

POOR'S HOUSE.—There are now between forty and fifty inmates of the Poor's House.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—Yesterday, in the Board of Aldermen, Mr. Magruder introduced a joint resolution praying Congress to repeal all acts establishing the present method of government for the District of Columbia, and asking for the appointment of commissioners and for a consolidation of the two municipalities under their control. The matter was referred to a special committee. This is probably, to get rid of negro suffrage.

The ladies and others have organized the Home for Friendless Children of this city, and consolidated with the Newsboys Home, under the name of the "Newsboys Home and Aid Society," their object being to improve the condition of the poor and destitute children of the city of Washington and vicinity, by procuring for them homes in Christian families in the country.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

MANSON HOUSE.—Madame & Son Proprietors.—L. W. Sergeant, Washington; L. Saito, Adolph Frisins, Baltimore; Wm. B. Downey, Leesburg; W. A. Elcason, N. C.; Daniel M. Dalton, Baltimore; W. Lee, Richmond; O. C. Becker, Staunton; Charles F. Fadel, Leesburg; B. Thomas, Baltimore; J. M. Fairfax, and J. M. Fairfax; W. W. Buckinham, Alexandria; J. M. Catlett, Catlett's; O. M. Patterson, Warrenton; William White, Clarke county; John Thompson, R. T. Hutton, Essex.

POLICE REPORT.—Mayor's Office.—Henry Robinson, Wm. Vandy and Martha Bolen, negroes, charged with being implicated in the robbery of Dr. Bigelow's stable last Saturday night, of some brown straw, were discharged.

TRIAL OF H. B. LEWIS.—The trial of Major H. B. Lewis, at King George C. H., for the killing of the late Dr. Rose, was concluded on Saturday. He was convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced to three years imprisonment in the penitentiary. The jury promptly recommended Major Lewis to Executive clemency.

GOLD.
New York, Dec. 18.—Gold, 138½.

COMMUNICATED.
THE ALEXANDRIA CANAL AND AQUEDUCT.—By a reference to the proceedings of the House of Delegates, it will be found that one of the Delegates from Alexandria has presented a bill, at the instance of the Lessees of the Alexandria Canal, for the purpose of giving said Lessees the right to build a railroad along the canal. This bill was not generally known to be in preparation, and the people of Alexandria, so much interested in the matter, were uninformed on the subject, until it was brought before the Legislature. It will be recollected that the question of the sale of the canal was considered during the last session of the Legislature, and it was concluded not to sell it, but to give to the City Council of Alexandria the agency of the interest which Virginia held in it. Subsequently the City Council leased it for ninety-nine years to the present Lessees. I have my own decided opinion as to the terms, &c., of that lease, &c., but will withhold remark until the present matter be fully explained. The Canal, properly managed, will work all the railroads in or near Alexandria, and Alexandria, but if a right to build a railroad along its banks be granted, then I fear the consequences.

COMMERCIAL.

The Northern flour and grain markets are firmer, with an advance in prices. In Baltimore, yesterday, Family, and high grades of Winter Wheat Extra, were advanced 30 cents per bbl., and low grades of Extra and Super brands 25 cents per bbl. For Western and Howard Street descriptions holders were firmer, but there was less inquiry from the trade, and no shippers in the market. Both wheat and corn have advanced, the latter \$8½ cents per bushel.

MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA—DEC. 18.

SAILED.

Steamer Wawaset, Gadeny, Curionan, by Hoos & Wedderburn.

RICHMOND CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.—A new volume, "The Virginia Conference, at its session just closed, determined to transfer this old and well established journal to individual responsibility for its future publication."

A vote of the Conference the presiding Bishop was requested to appoint the undersigned to the editorship of the paper. With unaffected diffidence, but with full confidence in the good will and good wishes of the ministers and members of the Church, I shall enter upon the duties of this office, convinced that success in conducting the paper, on a new basis, can be secured only by the hearty co-operation of the preachers and people in its support.

To ensure this, I shall spare no pains in order to make the ADVOCATE a Religious Family Newspaper, which will be gladly welcomed to every home. While the ADVOCATE will continue to be a paper of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the special organ of the Virginia Conference, and may I not hope of adjacent Conferences, in whose bounds no Church paper is published, it will also be in the hands of the Christian in its views and teachings.

It will cordially and earnestly advocate those doctrines, and that form of Church economy and government, which our fathers cherished and labored to extend among men; allowing, at the same time, such careful and well considered modifications in the forms and methods of the Church as may be promotive of the growth and spread of vital piety among our people. It will also be my aim to give the readers of the ADVOCATE such information in regard to secular affairs and the business and markets of the State and of the country at large, as shall keep them well posted on all such matters.

The first number of the new volume will be issued the first week in January next. The paper will be enlarged with an entirely new face and published on the following terms:

TERMS: For one year, *invariably* in advance, \$2; for six months, \$1; for clubs of ten or more a discount of ten per cent will be allowed; to ministers the paper will be furnished at \$2 a year, and 10 per cent will be allowed on all monies collected and paid in by them.

Address: REV. W. W. BENNETT, Ed. R. C. Advocate, Richmond, Va. Richmond, Dec. 18—25.

HUNTER'S SHIP-YARD FOR SALE.

For sale the large and valuable piece of wharf property, situated on the lower end of Union street, known as HUNTER'S SHIP-YARD. As it is so generally known we will not give a further description, only by reference. Any person or persons wishing to purchase it, either for a SHIP-YARD or COAL DRYDOCK, can have all the information as to terms, title, &c., by calling at No. 80, Prince street.

dec 18—25 J. O. & W. HUNTER.

A. M. JENNY'S FAMILY AND EXTRA FLOUR, for sale by

THOMAS PERRY, No. 8, Prince st.

dec 18—25

FINE AND G. A. SALT, for sale by

THOMAS PERRY, No. 8, Prince st.

dec 18—25

BACON, for sale at reduced prices by

J. C. MILBURN, Opposite the Market.

no 30—

RECEIVED THIS DAY

A LOT OF LADIES' FURS,

to which I invite the attention of the ladies and all others in need of them; also, on hand, a large assortment of Gentlemen's Yachts and Children's Hats. JOHN HOWELL, JR.,

dec 15—19 155, King street.

50 BLS. CALCINED PLASTER, just received and for sale by

SMOOT & PERRY, Corner Cameron and Union st.

aug 15—25

RAISINS, CURRANTS AND CITRON.

A supply of new crop Raisins, Currants and Citron, received to-day and for sale by

J. C. MILBURN, Opposite the Market.

no 30—

CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES.—Gentlemen

in want of a suit, cannot fail to be pleased with our stock of Foreign and Domestic Cloth and Cassimeres.

WITMER & SLAYMAKER, no 3—

"UNCLE BOB LEE'S" SMOKING TOBACCO.—50 bales very choice—just received and for sale by

HARRIE HOUGH, Corner of Pitt and Prince sts.

dec 17—

VIRGINIA CREAM PUFFS, just received and for sale by

HARRIE HOUGH, Corner of Pitt and Prince sts.

nov 26—25

WHITES TOOTH POWDER, CAMPHOR

Ice with Glycerine; Honey, Glycerine, Genuine Brown Windsor and Elder Flower Soaps, (in bars), received and for sale by

WALFIELD & HALL, Corner of Prince and Fairfax sts.

no 7—

FISHER'S UNRIVALLED MINCE

MEAT, new layer Raisins, Citron and Currants, just received and for sale by

HARRIE HOUGH, Corner of Pitt and Prince sts.

dec 11—

SILVER SPRING EXTRA—

and other choice brands of Flour, for sale by

J. C. MILBURN, no 30—

PRIME BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, for sale by

GWYN & BECKHAM, no 6, Union st. est.

dec 1—

500 BUSHELS OATS—

For sale by

THOS. PERRY, No. 8, Prince st.

dec 4—

TRAIN OIL, NEATFOOT OIL, FINE

Machine Oil, and Lined Oil, for sale by

JANNEY & CO., dec 6—

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A regular meeting of the Alexandria Christian Association will be held this evening, (Tuesday) in the Baptist Church, at 7 o'clock. Geo. Wiser, Rec. Sec.

NOTICE.—Gas Bills due Dec. 15th, will be presented by the 25th inst.; if paid on or before the 31st inst, a discount of ten per cent will be allowed; but in no case thereafter. By order of the Committee on Light. dec 18—19

S. S. LEAHAM, No. 106, KING STREET, having an extraordinary large stock of GENTS' AND YOUTHS' WINTER CLOTHING, AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS on hand, is selling them off at cost until further notice. Positively one price only. dec 17—

NOTICE.—OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, Alexandria, December 14th, 1890.—All persons are required to attend to their hydrants, and prevent the water from running on the street pavements, and thus forming ice thereon. All persons must remove ice from the pavements in front of their premises or houses. The penalty of the law will be enforced against all offenders. [de 14—19] J. AS. FADELEY.

GRAND RAFFLE OF TURKEYS every night from now to Christmas, at the Summer Garden. Come and get your Christmas turkey for twenty-five cents. Turkeys on exhibition every day. dec 18— Wm. H. SMITH.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.—There will be a discount of 25 per cent allowed on all tax-bills paid in current funds to the Corporation of Alexandria, up to the 1st day of January 1891; after that date the collectors will proceed to recover the same in the manner prescribed by law, viz: distraint. WEST AVERY, JAMES FOSSETT, Collectors. dec 3—25

AMUSEMENTS.

WALLS NEW OPERA HOUSE.

BERRY & WALL. Proprietors.

H. B. PHILLIPS. Stage Manager

TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18.

Second production in Washington of an entirely new and original dramatic play, entitled

"THE SECRET OF A LIFE."

OR, THE DUEL IN THE MIST.

MRS. D. P. BOWERS and Mr. J. C. M'COLLUM appearing in their respective roles.

Doors open at 7. Performance commencing at 8.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Private Boxes.....\$8 00

Orchestra Seats.....1 00

Dress Circle.....75

Family Circle.....50

Colored Circle.....50

Seats can be secured at the Box Office, and at Ellis's Music Store, Pennsylvania avenue free of charge.

RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE, VA., IN FULL OPERATION.—This time honored Institution is again in successful operation, with a full Corps of Professors. The chairs of the several sciences are filled by able and experienced men. There are five literary and scientific schools, viz: Of Ancient Languages, Mathematics, Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, Moral Philosophy and Modern Languages. In addition to the above the Board of Trustees has established a School of Commercial Science with the view of giving to the young men of the country a Business Education.

To graduates in all these schools, Diplomas are granted, and the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts are conferred upon students who accomplish a certain course. The high grade of scholarship, formerly required, is still maintained. We have a full Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus for the illustration of the subjects taught.

The location of the College is unsurpassed for health and geniality. It is situated midway between the mountains and the seaboard; and during a career of thirty-three years, and with thousands of young men in attendance, there has never been a death arising from malaria or other local cause. We profess to educate young men not only mentally and morally but physically also.

Board is sixteen dollars per month. Tuition from \$40 to \$90, according to the number of schools attended. \$250 will cover the expenses of board, tickets for three schools, matriculation and contingent fees for ten months. Rooms in the College free of charge, but the student provides his own furniture, fuel and lights. Young men who are preparing for the ministry and those disabled by the late war who are unable to pay their tuition, will be allowed to attend any or all of the school for free. This condition will also apply to the children of the country seat of Mecklenburg county, Va.

Arrangements are made to transport students from Ridgway Depot, on the Raleigh and Weldon Railroad, whilst a conveyance leaves Richmond on the Richmond and Potomac Railroad, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and the Wolf Trap Depot, on the same road, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

We solicit a liberal patronage from Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina, from the West, South and Southwest.

Students will be received at any time. The school term will commence on the 6th day of February next. Young men will be received and prepared for the College proper. For further particulars address the undersigned at Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va.

THOMAS C. JOHNSON, President R. M. College, MECKLENBURG CO., VA., Dec. 17—Feb 15.

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MEYER KAUFMAN.

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

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CIGARS, TOBACCO, WINES & LIQUORS,

No. 202, PRINCE AVE., NEAR 15th ST.,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Also, a large lot of imported CANNED and PRESERVED FRUITS. dec 17—19

HOTEL & RESTAURANT FOR SALE.

The first-class Hotel and Restaurant, known as Harrison's Restaurant, with fixtures and furniture, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on THURSDAY, the 20th inst., at 12 o'clock. If not sold on Thursday it will be offered again on the following Wednesday. dec 17—25 J. A. STOUTENBURG.

FASHIONABLE DANCING ACADEMY

(Over J. M. Stewart's Dry Goods Store.)
PROF. OSBORN'S CLASS will meet on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week. Hours for Ladies, Misses and Masters, from 2 to 5 p. m.; Gents from 7 to 10 p. m. dec 15—

GROCERIES!

New Deutscher Harringer Schweizer & Linburger Kase, Deutscher Zweischnen Linsen, Erbsen, Gerste, &c., &c. F. RECKER, corner King and St. Asaph sts. dec 12—

50 BBS. NO. 1 POTOMAC HERRING;

100 sacks fine Salt; 100 sacks G. A. Salt, for sale by

GEORGE H. ROBINSON, dec 10—

POTATOES.

150 bbls Peach Blow and Mercer Potatoes, for sale by

THOMAS PERRY, No. 8, Prince st.

dec 4—

FRESH COUNTRY BUTTER AND EGGS, just received by

F. G. SWAINE, my 15—25

100,000 SPRUCE LATHS, for sale by

SMOOT & PERRY, No. 30, North Union street.

dec 18—

HAIR BRAID.—Just received a supply of

LONG HAIR BRAIDS, at greatly reduced prices, at

C. C. BERRY'S.

THE HOLIDAYS.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

SHEPHERD'S OLD STAND.
CORNER OF SEVENTH AND D STREETS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

We would call the attention of persons visiting the city for holiday presents, to call and examine our large and complete assortment of ELEGANT GIFT BOOKS, JUVENILE BOOKS, STANDARD MISCELLANEOUS WORKS, Games, Diaceton and A. B. C. Books, Morocco Books, in great varieties, Carved Wood Goods, Ladies' Combs and Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Photograph Albums, and a great variety of beautiful and unique articles for the holidays. Call and see. Washington Dec. 18—19

FOR THE HOLIDAYS!!

The subscriber has just received from the New York auction sales a variety of FANCY GOODS, suitable for Christmas presents, such as Vases, China and Bohemian Glass, Motto Cups and Saucers, Match Boxes, Card Baskets, Toy Tea Sets, Toy Cups and Saucers, Motto Mugs, Bohemian Glass Toilet Sets, Cologne Bottles, Gift Bands and Decorated Stationery, Silver-plated Castors, Spoons, &c., all of which will be sold at prices to suit the times. dec 18—25 J. E. MILLER.

86 HOLIDAYS! HOLIDAYS! 86

ELEGANT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS PRESENTS.

E. S. FLEMING, No. 83, KING STREET, has the pleasure to inform his friends and the public generally, that he has just received a large and varied assortment of

GOODS

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

such as Ladies' and Gentlemen's Watches, of all styles and grades.

An elegant variety of SILVER-WARE, such as Berry-Spoons, Pudding Servers, Mustard Sets, Butter Knives, Sugar Spoons, plain; also, Gold-tipped ones. Sets for Children—Popspoon, Knife and Fork, &c., &c.

A large line of JEWELRY, which will be sold at pleasing prices.

As usual, Watches and Jewelry carefully repaired and warranted.

Thankful for the patronage heretofore bestowed, he respectfully solicits a continuance of the same.

Please don't forget the number, 86, KING STREET.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!!

PREPARED FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

I have made all the necessary preparations for supplying the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity with such articles as they may desire during the Christmas holidays, and mention as part of my extensive stock, just received, Fruits, Oranges, Lemons, Raisins, Dates, Figs, Almonds, Cream Nuts, Filberts, English Walnuts, Pea Nuts, Peas, Figs and Fancy Articles of all conceivable forms and variety, together with a large assortment of Candies, French, and with a call. For the patronage heretofore so liberally extended to me I return my thanks, and a sincere desire to please my customers will always be manifested by

CHRISTIAN SCHAFER, No. 3, North Fairfax st.

dec 15—25

LUMP AND GROUND PLASTER.

PLASTER!! PLASTER!!

To arrive per schrs. "Neptune's Bride," "Jos. Warren," "Charles C. Beane," "E. H. Fambler," and "R. J. Mercer," cargoes SOFT BLUE WINDSOR PLASTER, for sale low

W. A. SMOOT, No. 3, King st.

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To arrive per schrs. "Neptune's Bride," "Jos. Warren," "Charles C. Beane," "E. H. Fambler," and "R. J. Mercer," cargoes SOFT BLUE WINDSOR PLASTER, for sale low

W. A. SMOOT, No. 3, King street.

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PLASTER.

250 tons SOFT BLUE WINDSOR PLASTER, to arrive, for sale low, by

SAMUEL HARTLEY, 15 King street.